

REMARKS

Claims 33 – 45 are pending.

Claims 1, 2, 4, 21, 22-25, 27-29, 32 are being cancelled, without prejudice, in order to reduce the issues in this application and expedite allowance thereof.

Cancellation of these claims renders the rejections and objections thereto moot.

Claims 9-11, 14, 17-20, 29, 30, and 37-40 are cancelled as being drawn to non-elected subject matter.

Claims 41 - 45 are new. Claims 41 – 43 are supported on page 8, lines 22-23; page 11, lines 7-11. Claim 44 is supported on page 11, lines 7-11 and page 13, lines 13-14. Claim 45 is supported page 16, lines 9-12.

These amendments are further supported throughout the specification.

No new matter is added by this amendment.

I. Specification

An abstract on a separate sheet is being provided herewith. This abstract is identical to that provided on the cover sheet of the published WO.

The Examiner has noted the improper usage of certain trademarks in the application. Applicants have performed a search and have discovered that ATCC is a trademark of the American Type Cell Culture. The specification has been corrected in the appropriate locations. However, Applicants have been unable to discover any claim that the phrase “American Type Cell Culture” is itself a trademark. In fact, the “American Type Cell Culture” is identified on the organization’s web cite as the owner of a variety of trademarks and the name under which the organization does business.

No new matter is added by this amendment.

II. Election

Applicants note that the restriction requirement has been made final and have cancelled withdrawn claims 9 - 11, 14, 17-20, 29, 30 and 37-40, without prejudice.

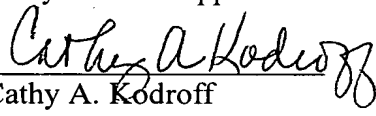
III. Allowable Subject Matter.

The examiner has indicated that Claims 33-36 are in condition for allowance, because they are free of the prior art of record. A number of claims dependent therefrom have been added.

Applicants believe that the claims are in good condition to pass to issue. The undersigned attorney requests that the examiner telephone if doing so will expedite processing of this application.

No fees are believed to be associated with the filing of this response. However, the Director of the US Patent and Trademark Office is hereby authorized to charge any fee associated with the filing of this paper to deposit account 08-3040.

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